

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Facilitator's Guide

Objectives	Estimated Time
Welcome and Introductions	20 minutes
The WHY, The WHAT, and The HOW	10 minutes
ASSIST Basics	10 minutes
What makes a good plan?	20 minutes
Break	15 minutes
The School Report Card	45 minutes
From Data to Improvement Planning	45 minutes
Closing, Reflection and Evaluations	15 minutes

Materials Needed

- Participant's Booklet (1 per participant)
- Resource Booklet (1 per participant)
- Internet connectivity (will need supplemental booklet with School Report Card sample if no internet is available for participants)
- Highlighters
- Chart paper
- Projector
- PowerPoint presentation
- Name tags (optional)
- Post-it Notes (optional)



Welcome and Introductions

Welcome each participant. If working with school council members from multiple school councils, ensure that schools are sitting together. Review the materials that are provided as well as highlighters and Post-It notes (if providing). Have each participant introduce themselves and the role that they have on the school council (i.e., administrator, teacher or parent). Thank each participant for their service, especially parents. Encourage each to participate fully and to ask questions. Create a "parking lot" for questions. Review the booklets provided to each participant:



Session Overview

Read the session overview Rephrase to provide additional guidance.



Student Achievement

Read the student achievement paragraphs. Rephrase to provide additional guidance. Remind school council members that their main charge is to improve student achievement.



Objectives

Review the objectives for the session. Elaborate as needed.

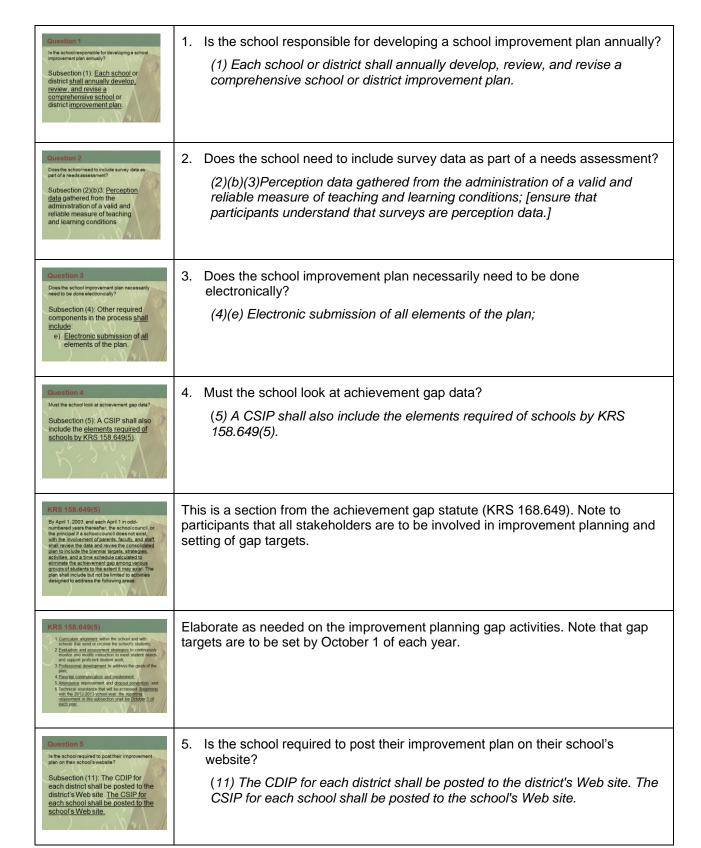


What do you already know about planning?

What do you already know about planning? Have the participants take the 5question pre-test. This can be done as a large group or at tables where the participants can find the answers in their Resource Booklet. As a follow-up have the participants highlight the answers in their Resource Booklet.



After all is finished, note that all of the answers are "yes". However, review each question having participants make notes within their Resource Booklet. Elaborate on answers as needed.





The WHY, The WHAT, and The HOW

As an introduction to this section, explain to participants that this portion of the training will look at why a school should look at a continuous improvement planning cycle, what a continuous improvement planning cycle looks like and how continuous improvement planning occurs in schools.



Prior to 2009, most school planning was a piece of this and a piece of that resembling the slide. All of the arrows going in multiple directions with little to no coordination. Elaborate on the arrow topics as needed.



With the new system, planning is more aligned and focused more on classroom and school goals.



As we look at the why, what and how, we will be looking more closely at the components from Senate Bill 1 in 2009.



Out of SB1 (2009) came the KDE mission: Every child proficient and prepared (College/Career Ready). This is *WHY* educators do what they do.



To ensure that all are college or career ready, KDE developed 4 strategic points. This is *WHAT* educators do. Read and elaborate each.



And the *HOW* is the strategic plan. Read each point elaborating as needed. Progress on to next slide.



To further illustrate how each is dependent on the other, this diagram shows the base as the delivery target at the state level building up to the individual student. Note to participants that further discussion and an activity around the delivery targets is later in the session.



To help with the strategic plan is the online system known as ASSIST. Read next few slides that explain ASSIST. Elaborate as needed. Have participants highlight as needed.



Note that ASSIST is an acronym.



Note that access to the system is restricted; however, that does not eliminate the need for stakeholder input.



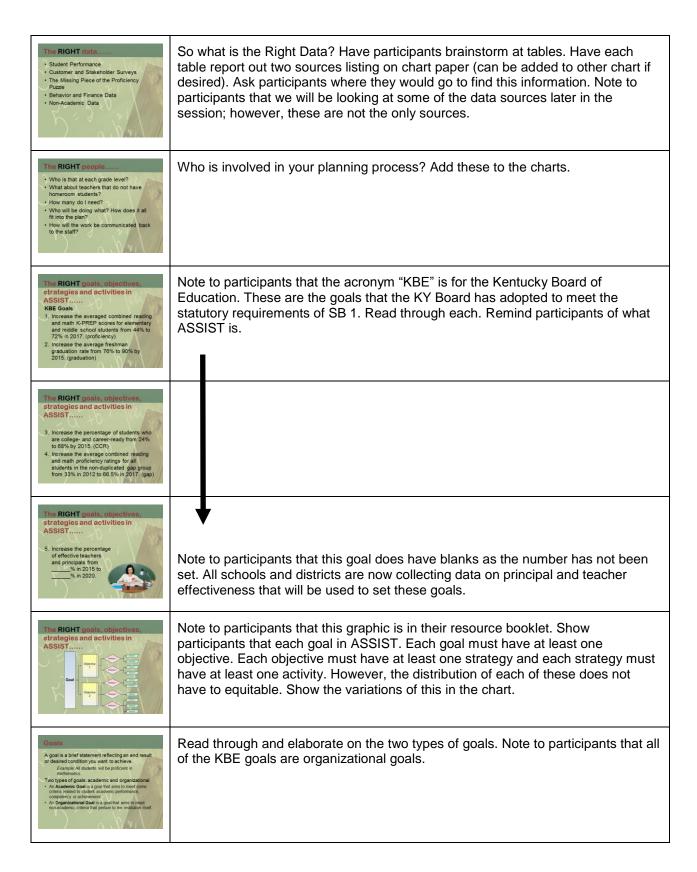
Note that the system has several tabs. When complete, these tabs consolidate into one report that is to be uploaded on the school website. Refer back to question 5 of the pretest.

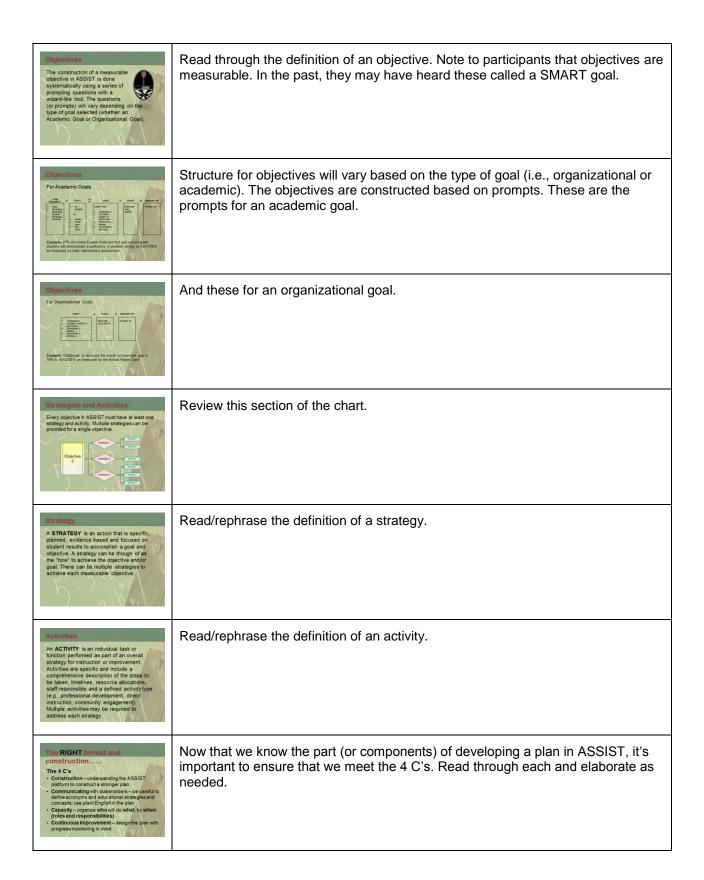


So what makes a good comprehensive improvement plan? Brainstorm ideas from participants before proceeding. Chart out and add as session evolves.



Read and elaborate each key point. In order to have an effective plan, each of these key points must be present and implemented.







Note to participants that without monitoring, a plan is nothing more than words on a piece of paper. This monitoring needs to occur more than once annually. Have participants think to themselves how often in the past year they reviewed their own school improvement plan. Have participants make notes to themselves to carry back to their school council as you go to break.



Break - 15 minutes

While on break, ensure that the internet connectivity is up and that participants can access the KDE homepage (www.education.ky.gov).



Welcome participants back. Have each participant (if using the internet) connect to the KDE homepage. Show participants where to access school and district report cards. Have them find their school report card. Note to participants that the slides reflect the statewide report card.



Note to participants that the school report card defaults to the profile page. On this page you can find: red arrow – school info; blue arrow – school council members (Since this is the statewide page, these are the KY Board of Education members. On a district report card, these would be the district board members.); green arrow – school classification; and the purple arrow – the downloadable pdf version. Elaborate as needed.



To know what page of the report card you are on, the tab is darkened. As you see here, the profile tab is darker than the others to denote that this is the Profile Page.



The red arrow is pointing to the darkened Accountability Tab. On this page are several sub-tabs at the blue arrow.



When looking at the Accountability Tab with the sub-tab, Learners, we find the accountability areas, as seen at the green arrow. Not every school will have data for every tab here; it would depend on the grade span. As an example, you would not expect graduation rate for an elementary school.



The purple arrow is pointing to a topic that is underlined. This denotes a hyperlink to more data. When you click on it, the data opens up.



The red arrow points that the Assessment Tab is opened. Each of the statewide assessments is included here at the blue arrow. The green arrow points to a topic that is hyperlinked and has more data included.



The Learning Environment Tab is the school's non-academic data. Review with participants what non-academic data is. The green arrow points to various topics that this data is sorted. An example: if you wanted to know the student to computer ratio data, this would be found on the technology sub-tab.



The Delivery Targets Tab calculates the percentage of increase that a school must make each year to make goal. Review the KBE goals and show that each is denoted at the purple arrow. Remind participants that Goal 5, Effective Principals and Teachers, does not have a target yet since the goal has not been set.



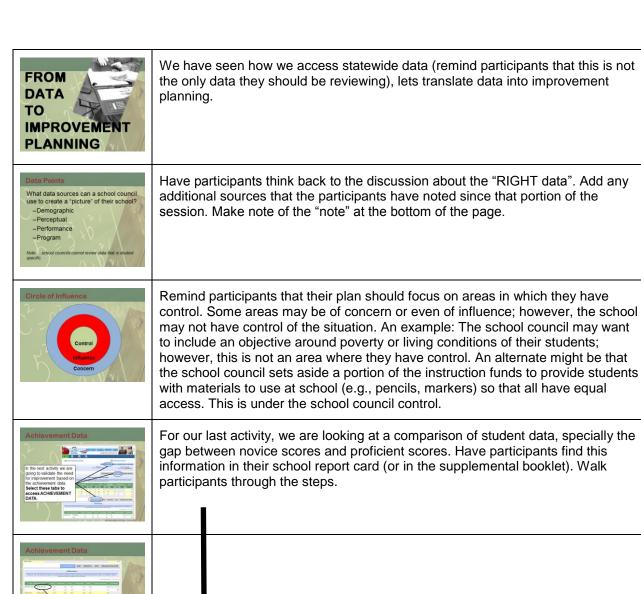
If we look specifically at the Gap Goal, darkened and at the purple arrow, we can see the actual goal and the percentage each year for the next several years, at the green arrow.



Review these percentages with participants noting the different requirements depending on grade span.



In you booklet is Achievement Bingo. This can be done individually or at tables. Give participants about 10 minutes to see if they can find the answers on the chart. If no internet connection, have participants use the supplemental booklet. Circulate and assist as needed.



may not have control of the situation. An example: The school council may want to include an objective around poverty or living conditions of their students; however, this is not an area where they have control. An alternate might be that the school council sets aside a portion of the instruction funds to provide students with materials to use at school (e.g., pencils, markers) so that all have equal access. This is under the school council control. For our last activity, we are looking at a comparison of student data, specially the gap between novice scores and proficient scores. Have participants find this information in their school report card (or in the supplemental booklet). Walk Now that you have this data, as a table look at gap areas and note the difference between the novice percentage and the proficient percentage. This will be different in each school. Allow participants 10 minutes to note 2 to 3 gaps.

